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## Third Annual Infant Mortality Summit: Changing the Social Determinants of Health

Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and the City of Milwaukee Health Department hosted the third annual Infant Mortality Summit on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at noon at the Italian Conference Center in Milwaukee's Historic Third Ward. This



*Dr. Anthony Iton, Mayor Tom Barrett, Dr. Magda Peck, and Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker*

year's theme was "Changing the Social Determinants of Health." Previous years' events have focused on unsafe sleeping environments and premature births, and the most preventable and most prevalent causes of infant death, respectively. "Changing the Social Determinants of Health" explored the connections between social and economic factors such as jobs and early childhood education, and how they affect birth outcomes.

This year's summit featured keynote speeches by **Dr. Anthony Iton** of the California Endowment Healthy Communities Initiative, and **Dr. Magda Peck**, founding Dean of the Joseph J. Zilber School of Public Health at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.



*Dr. Anthony Iton*



*Dr. Magda Peck illustrating a point about community using a pearl necklace borrowed from a trusting participant.*

After the keynote address, five breakout sessions led by subject matter experts focused on a social or economic issue and its impact on birth outcomes, and a public policy workshop provided an overview of how legislation is created and changed. The five sessions were: Public Policy/Advocacy 101 Workshop, Early Education and Childcare, Income-Related Policies, Healthy Neighborhoods, and Employment Issues. A summary of each breakout session was presented before the final keynote address.

A lively and enthusiastic crowd of over 300 attendants participated.

*More photographs of the Summit are on the next page.*





*Pre-Summit introductions*



*One of the breakout sessions*



*Enthusiastic audience participation*



*Breakout session reports*